

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I have all but stopped listening to the radio and going to concerts as a result of this new media hegemony. When Clear Channel took over the local station and venues, the sterile corporate influence took all the fun out of music. The station is repetitive and formulaic. The concert venue overblown and expensive. Between the RIAA and these media behemoths, they would clog our information networks and squash media distribution evolution. Remember that there is more to life than corporate profits, and I can only hope that your organization can be more objective and see the bigger picture and not sell out to shortsighted corporate interests.

Sincerely,
James Maxwell